

The Van Schott House
125 Lexington Avenue
Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey

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Owner: Dr. G. J. Van Schott

Date of Erection: Before 1747

Architect:

Builder: Casparus Schuyler

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brown sandstone to about middle of second floor, frame above; gables, clapboards. The stone is tooled on the east or front elevation

Inside chimneys

Interior walls - plaster

Roof - gambrel on the main house with gable and dormers on the east elevation which have been added since 1888; present roof slate; original roof wood shingles; roof of the south wing pitch

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Historical Data:

In 1736 the property upon which this structure was later built was owned by Adrian Post, a member of a family of large land owners. Adrian sold the property in 1736 to Peter Post who in turn sold it to Casparus Schuyler. Schuyler was a descendant of Gerrit Gerritse, one of the Acquackanonk patentees, to whom this had been allotted. Schuyler built the house on the property which he advertised for sale in the New York Gazette revived in the Weekly Post Boy on November 23, 1747. The advertisement read:

"A new built stone-house well furnished, with two rooms on a floor, a good cellar, kitchen and milk room; also a new barn and good bearing orchard of 100 apple trees, with a lot of land containing 44 acres large measure of good upland and timber swamp, lying in the Patent of Aquakanuck, in the county of Essex, East New Jersey, about a mile from the church and landing, now in the possession of Casparus Schuyler. The title is undisputable.

"For conditions of sale, agree with said Casparus Schuyler, on the premises". (Page p. 24)

The property was sold to Adrian I. Post who conveyed it to the church. The deed bears the date May 8, 1758; the price paid was L370. It remained in the possession of the church until about 1889 when it became the property of George H. Engemen. Then it was used as the club house of the Passaic Athletic Club. It is now owned by Dr. G. J. Van Schott who has altered it some.

The original front entrance of the house and much of the main hall and main stair finishing were replaced probably about the same time that the

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dormers and the front gable was added to the east elevation in 1888. A brick kitchen wing was added about the same time.

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